



## 2005 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 13

March 8, 2005 – Introduced by Senators HANSEN and COWLES, cosponsored by Representatives KRAWCZYK, GARD, NELSON and VAN ROY. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1     **Relating to:** the life and military service of Marine Sergeant Benjamin C. Edinger.

2           Whereas, Marine Sergeant Benjamin C. Edinger was born on October 15, 1980,  
3     in Green Bay, Wisconsin, and died November 23, 2004, at the National Naval Medical  
4     Center, Bethesda, Maryland, of injuries sustained November 14, 2004, from enemy  
5     action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq; and

6           Whereas, Sergeant Edinger served with distinction in the 2nd Force  
7     Reconnaissance Company, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, North  
8     Carolina, as well as the 3rd Force Service Support Group, Okinawa, Japan, where  
9     he was a small-computer systems specialist with the Headquarters and Service  
10    Battalion, and was in his 2nd tour of duty in Iraq after taking part in the initial  
11    invasion in March 2003; and

12           Whereas, Sergeant Edinger was a 1999 graduate of Green Bay West High  
13    School, and he enlisted in the marine corps in 2000 after a year at the University of  
14    Wisconsin-Oshkosh; and

1           Whereas, Sergeant Edinger enjoyed rugby, camping, fishing, and weightlifting;  
2           and

3           Whereas, Sergeant Edinger was to be discharged from the marines early next  
4           year and had planned to enroll at the University of Wisconsin next fall to study  
5           veterinary science and hoped to be a walk-on football player; and

6           Whereas, Sergeant Edinger was a skilled gunner so dedicated to protecting his  
7           fellow soldiers that during the battle on November 14, 2004, he had to be pried away  
8           from his gun to receive medical treatment despite being mortally wounded; and

9           Whereas, Sergeant Edinger was awarded a Purple Heart, the Presidential Unit  
10          Citation, the Combat Action Ribbon, the Navy Achievement Medal, and the Global  
11          War on Terrorism Medal; and

12          Whereas, Sergeant Edinger’s family is very proud of him and knows that he  
13          died doing what he wanted to do: serve the nation and fight for freedom; and

14          Whereas, Sergeant Edinger embodied the United States Marine Corps core  
15          values of honor, courage, and commitment, and he will be sorely missed; now,  
16          therefore, be it

17                 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the legislature of  
18          the state of Wisconsin commemorates the remarkable life of Marine Sergeant  
19          Benjamin C. Edinger and extends its deepest sympathies to his family, friends, and  
20          colleagues; and, be it further

21                 ***Resolved, That*** the senate chief clerk shall transmit a copy of this joint  
22          resolution to Sergeant Edinger’s mother and stepfather, Rosanna and Randy  
23          Scannell of Green Bay, Wisconsin; his father, Montfort Edinger; his fiancée Deanne  
24          Riemensnider of Plano, Illinois; his brother, James Edinger of Madison, Wisconsin;  
25          his grandparents, Gerald and Barbara Downey of Green Bay, Wisconsin, and James

1       and Helen Edinger of Townsend, Wisconsin, and Clearwater, Florida; his  
2       stepgrandmother Deleana Scannell of Green Bay, Wisconsin; and his  
3       greatgrandmother, Marie Berg of Gladstone, Michigan.

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